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At the request of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Goodyear), NHTSA met on March 15, 2001, with Goodyear from approximately 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Goodyear representatives included John Rumel, Bill Hopkins, Dennis O'Connor, James Whiteley, Isabel Jasinowski, and Mark Burtschi. NHTSA representatives included Joe Scott, George Soodoo, Chris Lash, Larry Blincoe, Jim Simmons, Ray Owings, Arthur Carter, Steve Kratzke, Bob Shelton, Bill Walsh, John Hinch, Claude Harris, Jonathan Walker, and Nancy Bell.

At this meeting, Goodyear delivered and discussed a presentation concerning the influence of low tire pressure on tire performance. Further, Goodyear recommended that NHTSA adopt the Rubber Manufacturer's (RMA) definitions concerning underinflation and draw specifications from current tire industry standards for rulemaking under the Tread Act.